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# EDITOR'S PREFACE.

The Musical A B C, of which an English version is now first published, is one of a series of progressive text books, designed by Mr. Panseron to embrace the elements of music and the art of singing. Proposing myself to instruct juvenile classes in Solfeggi and Vocalization, I have selected this work as the best extant for elementary rules and exercises. It is formally approved by the most eminent foreign composers and professors of the day, and is adopted in the Paris and other great conservatoires of music in Europe.

In preparing this edition, my own experience has suggested certain additions and explanations, which may illustrate the original lessons; and I offer it to the profession in the United States, convinced of its peculiar value as a book of primary instruction. It aims at the introduction of a system, adapted to the physical ability as well as the intelligence of children, and to the capacity of all who would study the rudiments of music with a view to vocal practice. The want of such a system is apparent, since without it the practice of the singer ensures no certain advance in the knowledge of his art, and can rarely satisfy the demands of true taste.

This publication will be followed by a second work, containing rules and exercises in Vocalization collated from Panseron and other celebrated authors. In it the physiology of the voice will also be treated. The use of this volume will succeed the "A B C of Music."

Judging from the constant and flattering encouragement which, as a teacher of the Italian school of vocal music, I have enjoyed for fifteen years in this city, I trust that this enterprise will be fully rewarded.

# DEFINITIONS OF MOVEMENTS.

Movement is the degree of rapidity or slowness with which a piece of music is executed.

#### SIGNS OF MOVEMENTS.

Largo, slow and solemn.
Lento, slow.
Sostenuto, sustained.
Larghetto, solemnly.
Adagio, slowly with feeling.
Maestoso, majestically.
Affettuoso, tenderly.
Cantabile, in the style of tasteful singing.
Tempo di minuetto, minuet time
Tempo di marcia, march time.
Andante, or And., moving gracefully.
Andantino, or Ando, less slowly.

Tempo giusto, exact time.
Moderato, moderately.
Grazioso, gracefully.
Allegretto, or All'to, lively, but not too fast
Allegro, or Allo, with spirit—fast.
Con brio, with brilliancy.
Scherzando, delicately and playfully.
Agitato, with agitation.
Yivace, with animation.
Presto, very fast.
Prestissimo, extremely fast.

#### ADDITIONAL SIGNS OF MOVEMENTS.

Con espressione, with expression. Doloroso, mournfully. Comodo, quietly. Non troppo, not too much so. Quasi, as if—almost.

Brioso, lively—briskly.
Mosso, animated.
Con moto, with motion.
Molto, much.
Assai, more so.

#### TERMS OF EXPRESSION AND STYLE.

Piano, or P., soft-light. Pianissimo, PP., very soft. Three P., or PPP., soft as possible. Dolce, or Dol., sweet. Forte, or F., strong-loud. Fortissimo, FF., very loud. Three F., or FFF., loud as possible. Mezzo forte, or mF., of medium loudness. Sforzato, or sFz., suddenly strong. Rinforzando, or Rinf., repeated force. Crescendo, or Cres., increasing the loudness. Decrescendo, or Decresc., diminishing the Diminuendo, or Dim., force. Smorzando, or Smorz., diminishing the tone Morendo, or Moren., dying away. [gradually. Legato, or Leg., bound—slurred. Staccato, or Stacc., detached. Portamento, or Port., sustaining the tone. Ritardendo, or Ritard., } retarding the Rallentando, or Rall., } time. Ritenuto, or Rit., holding on.

Stringendo, or String., accelerating. Accelerando, or Accel., quickening the time. A tempo, or Tempo primo, in the original time. Espressivo, or Espress., expressive. Leggiero, or Legg., light-delicate. Con anima, with soul-passion. Con spirito, with spirit. Con grazia, with grace. Con gusto, with taste. Con delicatezza, with delicacy. Con allegrezza, mirthfully. Con fuoco, with fire. Caldando, growing warm. Con calore, with ardour. Calando, lessening. Con forza, with force. Animato, spiritedly. Ben marcato, well marked. Ad libitum, at pleasure. Poco a poco, little by little.

THE



# OF MUSIC.

THE five lines on which music is written are called a Stave.

The form of the stave is this,

5th line.	
4th line.	4th space.
	3d space.
3d line.	2d space.
2d line.	1 st space.
1 st line.	Tot blacos

The sign placed at the beginning of the stave is called the Clef: It gives the name to the note placed on the same line.

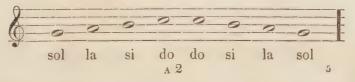


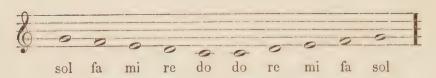
Seven syllables are used to give names to the notes.

NAMES OF THE NOTES.

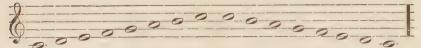
DO, RE, MI, FA, SOL, LA, SI.

PROGRESSIVE EXERCISES ON THE NAMES OF THE NOTES.





### RECAPITULATION.



do re mi fa sol la si do do si la sol fa mi re do

This series forms what is called the Gamut.

Beat two in the bar.

Take breath at every note.\*





The notes have not all the same form.

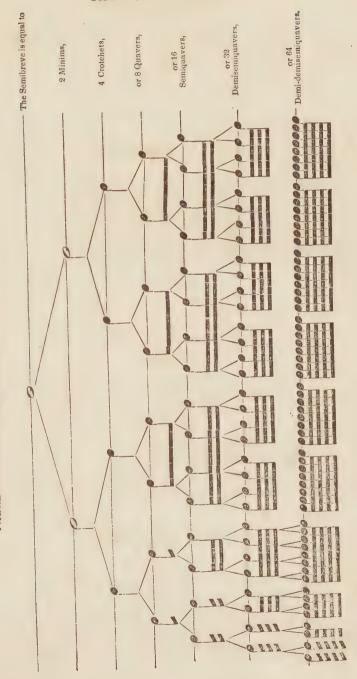
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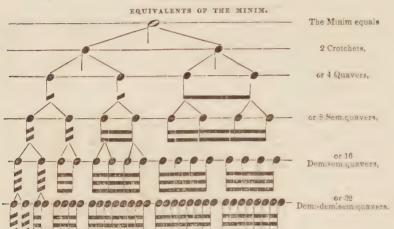
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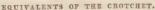
<sup>\*</sup> The apostrophes show where the breath must be taken. I would enjoin on the teacher to beat the time carefully with the pupil, giving the notes their exact value.

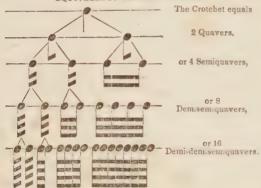
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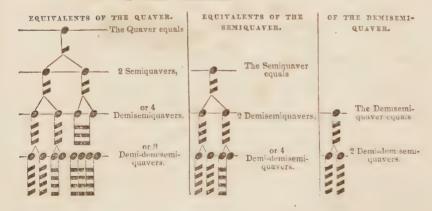


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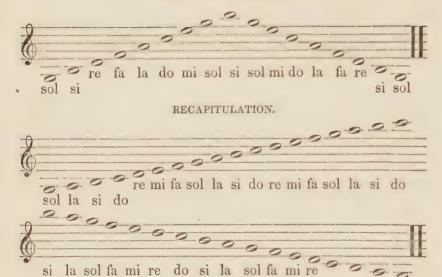






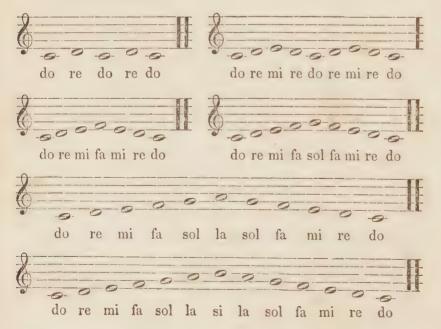
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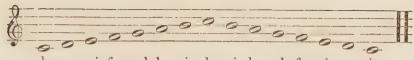




As soon as the pupil can name the notes, accustom him to repeat these exercises.

do si la sol





do re mi fa sol la si do si la sol fa mi re do

Let these short exercises be enunciated at first slowly and distinctly, then gradually increased to the greatest rapidity.

The names of the notes being fixed, the series do, RE, MI, FA, SOL, LA, SI, is always continued. This series of seven sounds is completed by the addition of the first. This additional note at the seventh interval makes eight notes or an octave.



It is very useful to make the pupil repeat by heart, and rapidly, the names of the notes of all these octaves.

#### ASCENDING.

DO RE MI FA SOL LA SI DO RE MI FA SOL LA SI

#### DESCENDING.

DO SI LA SOL FA MI RE DO
RE DO SI LA SOL FA MI RE
MI RE DO SI LA SOL FA MI
FA MI RE DO SI LA SOL FA
SOL FA MI RE DO SI LA SOL
LA SOL FA MI RE DO SI LA
SI LA SOL FA MI RE DO SI

EXERCISES IN READING.





sol la sol fa sol fa mi fa mi re mi re do re do B



re

mi

Do these exercises slowly, and take breath at each bar.



<sup>\*</sup> Be sure of the proper intonation of the augmented fourth, which is very difficult.



You cannot be too particular in giving the precise measure of the notes. I do not mean that they should be made long, but their length be exactly defined.

#### OF RESTS.

Rests serve to indicate pauses between the notes, and are of several lengths like the several sorts of notes.

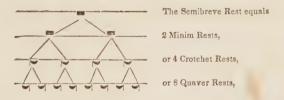
# The Rests are called:

-0	Semibreve Rest.	Minim Rest.	Crotchet Rest.	Quaver Rest.	Semiquaver Rest.		Demi-demisemi- quaver Rest.	
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#### COMPARISON OF THE VALUES OF THE RESTS.



The relative lengths of restsare the same as of notes.



## LESSON FIRST, WITH THE NAMES OF THE NOTES.





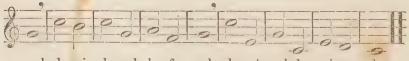


Pupils who beat time negligently run the risk of never becoming perfect in it: they are either too fast or too slow. Care in the beginning will give the habit of keeping the exact rhythm.



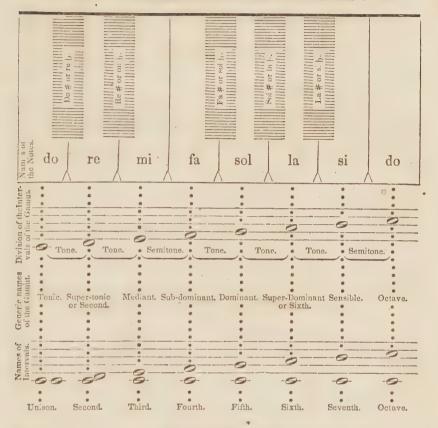


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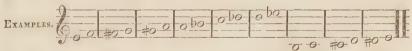
sol do si do sol la fa sol do mi sol do mi re do

# DIAGRAM OF AN OCTAVE OF THE PIANO IN THE KEY OF DO.

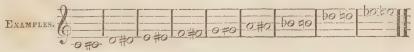


OF THE SEMITONES.

There are two kinds of semitones: the semitone diatonic and the semitone chromatic. The semitone diatonic is that which changes the name of the note.



The semitone chromatic is that which does not change the name of the note.



The ninth part of a tone is called a comma.

The diatonic semitone consists of four commas.

EXAMPLE. C DO SO

The chromatic semitone consists of five commas.

The tone consists of nine commas.

Thus two diatonic semitones are less than the tone, but the interval of a tone comprises a chromatic semitone and a diatonic

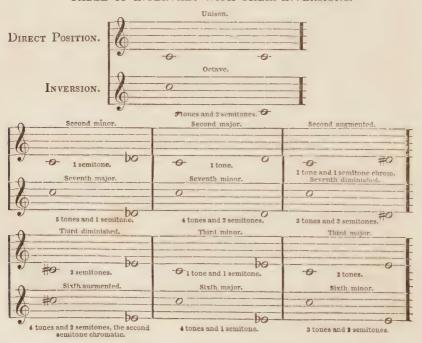


tones are greater than a tone, since they each comprise five commas.

The article on the semitones and intervals not being divisible, and preceding that upon the major and minor gamut, I suggest to the professor to explain them first briefly, taking care to recur frequently to them during subsequent lessons.

If these principles are found too difficult for the apprehension of young students, let them be passed over at first, and taken up at a later period.

#### TABLE OF INTERVALS WITH THEIR INVERSIONS.





It is important to know by heart, and above all to understand, of what the intervals are composed, and what is the character of the semitones, whether chromatic or diatonic.

The pupil has here a rule which will aid the memory of the inversions. It is simple and easily applied.

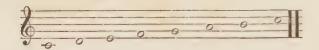
Rule.—Add the interval to its inversion and the sum must be nine.

EXAMPLE. The "Second" is repre-The "Third" is repre-Unison is represented by the 3 sented by sented by number 7 Its inversion by 6 And its inversion is the number Its inversion by 9 Sum Sum And thus with all the others.

## KEY TO THE DIFFERENT INTERVALS.

It has been noted that there are eight kinds of intervals, varying by a semitone, more or less. To learn these is very difficult, but I here present a key, the use of which renders the acquisition certain and lasting.

All the natural intervals in the major gamut:





These are major intervals, with the exception of the fourth and fifth, which in French are commonly termed "juste." The word is translated here "perfect." They may be otherwise designated as fixed or unalterable.

By raising the major intervals a semitone they become augmented; by lowering them a semitone they become minor; and two semitones, they become diminished.

The perfect or fixed intervals cannot be either major or minor: they are augmented by raising them a semitone, and diminished by lowering them a semitone. This is shown in the examples of the different intervals given in the preceding tables.

I have found the rules here stated of great utility in teaching the intervals, and I recommend to the professor to adopt them.

# KEY TO THE NUMBER OF TONES AND SEMITONES IN THE INTERVALS.

Students having difficulty in remembering the components of all the intervals, it will suffice if they learn perfectly the three principal, namely:—the major third, composed of two tones; the perfect fifth, composed of three tones and one semitone; and the octave, composed of five tones and two semitones. The other intervals may be referred to these three, and thus be retained.

# OF ACQUIRING THE INTERVALS IN SINGING.

THE intervals, which it is most important to attain in singing, are found in the following chords,



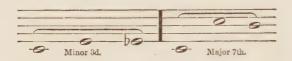
In the 1st of these chords are the intervals of the third, the fifth, and the octave. In the 2d, are the fourth and sixth: in the 3d, is the minor seventh.



The intervals besides these, are the minor third and the major seventh.

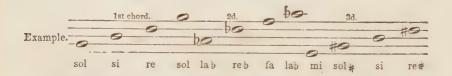


These two intervals the pupil may easily acquire, by descending from the major 3d a chromatic semitone, to make the minor 3d; and by descending from the octave a diatonic semitone, to make the major 7th.



By similar means other intervals, as the augmented and diminished 4th, 5th, and 6th, may be learned as soon as the pupil is familiar with their formation by the study of the foregoing table.

The teacher will do well to familiarize the pupil's ear with the intonation of each of these chords separately, expressing the intervals which compose them by the names of the notes and in changing the bass.



The same with the other chords.

# NEW SERIES OF INTERVALS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE NAMES OF THE NOTES.



Same movement for this series of intervals.



<sup>•</sup> Be sure that the intervals from MI to FA and from SI to Do are true.



This exercise may be accompanied in unison to assist a perfect intonation.



<sup>•</sup> The interval of the major seventh is very difficult to reach exactly, and too much pains cannot be taken in acquiring the true intonation of it.

#### OF TIMES.

THERE are three kinds of time; that which has two beats in the bar, that which has three beats, and that which has four beats.



The BAR is a straight line drawn across the stave. The space between two such lines is also called a bar: and the value of the notes or rests contained in it, is indicated by the Timefigures following the clef.

The times which are noted by a simple fraction are easily understood.

The lower figure signifies the division of the semibreve into parts, and the upper the number of the parts in the bar.

If the lower represents 1, it is the whole semibreve; if 2, the half of the semibreve, or a minim; if 4, the fourth of the semibreve or a crotchet; if 8, the eighth of a semibreve, or a quaver; if 16, the sixteenth of a semibreve, or a semiquaver.

 $\frac{2}{4}$  time has two-fourths of a semibreve; that is, two crotchets in the bar.  $\frac{3}{4}$  time has three-fourths of the semibreve; that is, three crotchets in the bar.  $\frac{6}{8}$  time has sixeighths of the semibreve; that is, six quavers in the bar.  $\frac{12}{8}$  time has twelve-eighths of the semibreve; that is, twelve quavers in the bar.  $\frac{3}{8}$  time has three-eighths of the semibreve; that is, three quavers in the bar.

In compound time, the upper figure is composed of treble the first of a simple time, and the lower figure of double the lower of a simple time.

Example. 
$$\frac{2}{4}$$
 is a simple time.

This time compounded becomes  $\frac{6}{8}$  double of  $\frac{2}{4}$ .

When the upper figure of any time is an odd number, there are three beats in the bar. When the figures are even numbers, there are two beats, except  $\frac{12}{8}$  and  $\frac{4}{4}$  (or common) times, which have four beats.

Let the pupil observe that the value of every beat in compound time is one-half more than in simple time. Thus, if two crotchets make a bar in simple time, three are required in compound time.

The following table illustrates this rule.

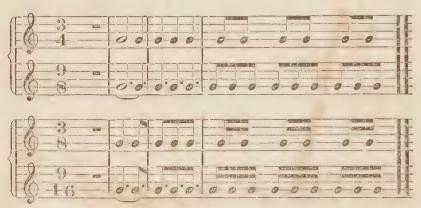
### OF TIMES,

### WITH COMPARISONS OF THE SIMPLE AND THE COMPOUND.

TIMES OF TWO BEATS.



TIMES OF THREE BEATS.



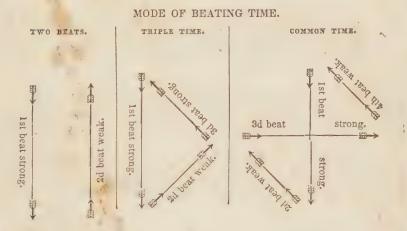
TIMES OF FOUR BEATS.



In ancient music there were other times not now in use; for example,  $\frac{233}{112}$ . The time  $\frac{3}{2}$  is still employed occasionally.

The pupil will remark that the semibreve rest is used to express a silent bar, both in simple and compound times, whether the bar be more or less than the semibreve. The rest indicates silence through the whole bar, whatever may be the time.

This rule does not apply to the division of the rests. Thus to express a rest of half a bar in  $\frac{2}{4}$  time, a crotchet rest is used and not a minim rest. The same remark applies to all other rests.



The strong beat indicates the accentuation.

I cannot too earnestly recommend to the professor the greatest exactitude in beating time. It is requisite that every beat should be precise and decided, without any wavering or irregularity in the motion of the hand. Equal care should be taken to preserve the same interval throughout between the beats, so that the time of the piece may not vary. Attention to this rule enables the pupil to regulate his singing by the movement of the hand, (as of a metronome,) and not the reverse,—to regulate the movement of the hand by the singing.





When the pupil can sing these lessons, the teacher should make him write notes with the names under them.



Stop the pupil frequently in the course of this lesson, to be assured that he follows the notes, and is not repeating by ear.

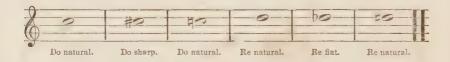


Give the pupil for an exercise the writing of the gamut in Do, ascending and descending; make him observe that the two semitones are from Mi to Fa, and from Si to Do, and show him that in the gamut of every key, the intervals from the third to the fourth, and from the seventh to the eighth notes are semitones.

# OF THE SHARP #, THE FLAT b, THE NATURAL \$.

If the keys of a piano are observed, it may be seen that between every two forming a whole tone, there intervenes a key which is higher than one and lower than the other. This key between the two does not take a distinct or independent name, but is designated both by the one above and the one below, being called the *sharp* of the one, and the *flat* of the other.

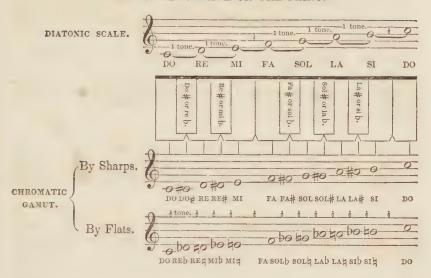
To designate that a note is made sharp, that is, raised a semitone, this mark (#), called a sharp, is placed before it; and to make a note flat, that is, to lower it a semitone, this mark (b) is placed before it. To counteract either of these marks, that is, make the note as it was originally, this mark (\(\frac{1}{3}\)), called a natural, is placed before it.



These three marks or signs #, b, \(\beta\), are called accidents, because they accidentally change the sound of the notes.

If to the diatonic scale on the keys of a piano the sharp and flat keys be added, it becomes chromatic, which consists of successive semitones.

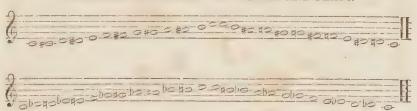
#### PLAN OF AN OCTAVE ON THE PIANO.



It is usual to write the chromatic gamut with sharps in ascending, and with flats in descending.



#### EXERCISES IN READING THE SHARPS AND FLATS.



Let these gamuts, ascending and descending, be learned by heart, and in order to facilitate the study: observe to the pupil that between the mr and the ra, and between the sr and the po on the piano, there are no black keys.

Thus in ascending the chromatic gamut of DO, all the keys except MI and SI have sharps: and in descending all have flats except DO and FA.

# COMMON TIME, OR FOUR BEATS IN THE BAR.

In common time a semibreve fills the bar, and there is a crotchet for each beat.

Let the pupil understand that the sharp raises the note a semitone.

This time may be marked  $\frac{4}{4}$ , that is, four-fourths of a semi-breve, or four crotchets in the bar.



• The sharp raises the note a semitone.





At each lesson the pupil should be taught some *principle*, and should review what he has learned. No new lesson should be commenced until the preceding is thoroughly known.



• The flat lowers the note a semitone; it is the opposite of the sharp.



In order to practise without the aid of the teacher, the pupil should be made to *read* the lesson, beating time and naming the notes, without singing them.



REVIEW OF THE PRECEDING LESSONS.



Make the pupil analyze the bars, that he may know well the divisions and the complement of them.

Note well the beats throughout this lesson.

Moderately slow.



After having said this lesson in common time, let it be repeated in  $\frac{2}{4}$  time.

### OF THE DOT

A dot added to a note or rest increases the length one-half.



The second dot is half the value of the first.



If a third dot is used, its value is half of the second.

As the dot increases the length of the note one half, a dotted minim equals three crotchets. It counts, therefore, three beats.



If the pupil has difficulty in learning these lessons, he should be made to analyze the time. Observe that here the dotted crotchet equals three quavers, and that consequently the hand must be raised at the dot.



Observe that this lesson is similar to the preceding, except that crotchets take the place of minims, and quavers of crotchets.



I recommend that the value of the notes be analyzed, in order to divide the bar perfectly and beat the time correctly.

### OF THE SYNCOPE.

The syncope is the union of two notes blended together, the second being a continuation of the first, with a *beat* between them. When the syncope operates from the end of one bar to the beginning of the next, it is marked by this sign —.



This syncope is in its regular form. It is also written in unequal divisions.





This is one of the great difficulties in elementary music. If the pupil cannot at first overcome it, pass it over, and return to it afterwards. Mark the syncopated note strongly.



The same example as in Exercise No. 37; the crotchet takes the place of a minim.

Make the syncopes emphatic.



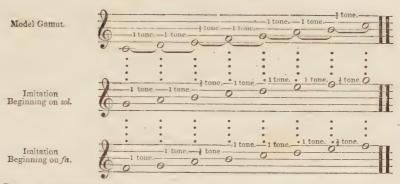
Let the pupil sing this exercise twice; the first time as it is written, the second in  $\frac{2}{4}$  time.



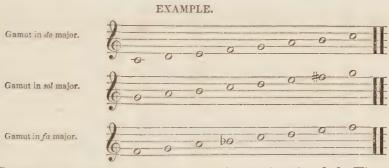
Sing this lesson both in  $\frac{4}{4}$  and in  $\frac{2}{4}$  time.

# OF THE FORMATION OF THE MAJOR GAMUT.

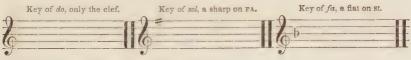
Observe that in commencing the gamut of do on any other note than do, the intervals of five tones and two semitones, pertaining to the formation of the diatonic gamut, are no longer followed.



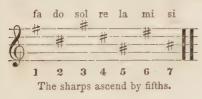
In these imitations, in order to make the intervals relatively the same as in the gamut of do, it is necessary to make the fa sharp in the gamut of sol, and the si flat in the gamut of fa.

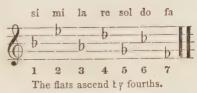


But it is customary to place the accidents after the *clef*. They then become the characteristic sign of the *key*, and they are not repeated in the course of a piece, except when temporarily suspended by the use of a *natural*.



And so with the other gamuts.





Let the sharps and flats be learned by heart so that the pupil may repeat them rapidly.

Observe to the pupil that the flats are placed in an order the reverse of the sharps. Observing the example, it will be seen that the first sharp becomes the last flat, and the first flat the last sharp; and so of the others.

# TABLE OF GAMUTS,

WITH SHARPS AND WITH FLATS.



#### RECAPITULATION.

The first sharp is placed on fa, the second on do, the third on sol, the fourth on re, the fifth on la, the sixth on mi, and the seventh on si. The second sharp is never placed after the clef, without the first, nor the third without the second and the first, and so on. The last sharp is placed on the seventh note. Thus, when there is one sharp, it indicates the key of sol, the octave or tonic of which is one semitone higher than the sensible note. The seventh is thus called because it makes the ear sensible of the want of the tonic or key note.



The last flat is always placed on the fourth note of the gamut of which it designates the key; and the next to the last flat always indicates the line or space to which the key note belongs.



It may be seen that the sharps are added by ascending fifths, and the flats by ascending fourths.

#### REVIEW OF THE RULE RESPECTING SHARPS.

The last sharp after the clef is placed on the sensible note. The key of *sol* having one sharp, that sharp is therefore fa #. The key of re has two sharps; the latter of them is therefore do #. And so of other keys.

### REVIEW OF THE RULE RESPECTING FLATS.

The flat next the last is on the same line or space with the key note. With two flats, the first (which is in that case next the last) is on the line of si. The key note is therefore si b. With three flats, the next to the last is on the space of mi. The key note is therefore mi b.

This rule is invariable up to seven flats.

It is only necessary to remember that one flat indicates the key of fa major.

The professor should feel assured that the pupil understands the meaning and relations of the tonic and the sensible note.

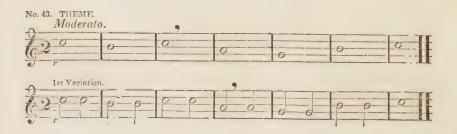
Note.—The experience of every teacher of children proves that they learn rules in rhyme more readily, and retain them more certainly, than in any other form. The following may be adopted to impress the flat and sharp keys on the memory.

[F. D.]

No sharps nor flats belong to Do:
One sharp the key of sol must show;
Re has two sharps, and LA has three,
In mi are four, and five in si;
The fa-sharp gamut must have six,
And for Do-sharp all seven prefix.

## RULE FOR THE KEYS WITH FLATS.

FA-natural one flat must take.
Two flats the key of SI-flat make;
MI-flat has three, and LA-flat four,
And with RE-flat count still one more:
By six the SOL-flat scale is known,
And Do-flat makes all seven its own.





If the teacher finds some of these variations difficult for the pupil, they may be passed over for the time, and resumed at a later period.



The pupil who plays the piano, may, after having recited these lessons, play them with the right hand, taking care to keep the time perfectly.

# OF THE MODES.

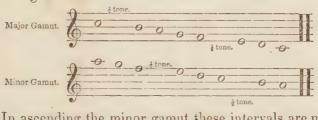
Mode signifies the relation of the tones in a gamut. The tones are major or minor. The characteristic difference between the major and minor is the nature of the interval from the first to the third note of the gamut. If that interval forms two whole tones, that is, a major third, the gamut or the mode is major.



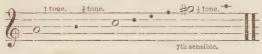
If the interval forms only a tone and a half, that is, a minor third, the gamut or mode is minor.



The minor gamut is based upon the model or major gamut, differing in certain intervals.



In ascending the minor gamut these intervals are modified, and the seventh (sensible note) is made sharp.



The interval from fa to  $sol^{\sharp}$  sounds harsh and abrupt, and is besides very difficult to sing, being a tone and a half. On this account it is approximated to the seventh by a semitone.



But in descending the minor gamut should invariably consist of the notes of the major gamut. For this reason la minor is said to be the *relative* of the key do major. And so every minor has its relative major key, and every major its relative minor. The relatives have always the same number of accidents placed after the clef.

DESIGNATIONS OF THE MAJOR KEYS, AND OF THE RELATIVE MINORS.



#### RELATIONS OF THE MINOR AND MAJOR KEYS.



OF THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MAJOR AND MINOR MODES.

The signs following the clef are not sufficient of themselves to show whether a piece is in the major or the minor mode.

It is necessary to look over the piece and find the notes forming the perfect chord;—that is the chord of the tonic—being the key-note, the third and the fifth.



The melody or the accompaniment should indicate one or the other of these chords.

The teacher should strike major and minor chords frequently, and ask the pupil to distinguish them, in order to make him sure of the major and minor thirds. It may be observed that the major chord has a brilliancy which does not belong to the minor.



The minor chord has a more sad or melancholy effect.



Observe that the thirds of the relative minor chords are minor, and the thirds of the major modes are major.



Observe that the third major is composed of two tones, and the third minor of a tone and a diatonic semitone.

GAMUT OF LA MINOR, THE RELATIVE OF DO MAJOR.



This gamut, being above the compass of a child's voice, should not be sung.

LESSON IN LA MINOR.



Let it be remembered that this lesson is in l minor and not in do major, because the sal, which is the fifth note of the key of do, or the sensible of the key of la, is sharp.

The rule which has been given should also be borne in mind. The accompaniment of the first bar must have bi in the bass, and do, mi, la in the treble, which gives the perfect chord of ii minor.†

To be in do, there should be do, mi, and sol natural.

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#### OF THE REPEAT.

The sign of a repeat or return,  $\S$  placed in any part of a piece, requires that when it occurs a second time, so much of the piece should be repeated as follows from the first sign to the word Fine, (Italian,) signifying the end. The words al segno are sometimes placed over the sign. They mean "to the sign."



Take care of the intonation of the sensible, that it is not too flat.





With these variations, as with those of No. 43, pass over the most difficult, if necessary.

# LESSON IN SIX-EIGHT TIME.

The  $\frac{6}{8}$  time is composed of  $\frac{2}{4}$  time.



# EXERCISE IN $\frac{6}{8}$ TIME.

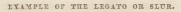
This lesson is in do; and la minor is discontinued. The accompaniment has therefore do, mi, sol, and the sol is natural.\*

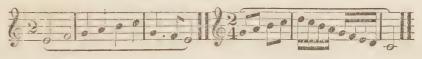


\* For the accompaniment, see large edition.

### OF THE LEGATO AND STACCATO.

The word *Legato* in Italian signifies *bound*, or united. The sign of it in music is the same as that which is called a slur in English. It is the same sign as is used with syncopes, but its effect is different. The Legato sign may embrace many notes, but the slur used with syncopes binds only two notes in the same range, the second of which is not separately enunciated.







The Staceato sign (meaning detached) is indicated by dots, and shows that the notes are to be separated.

## EXAMPLES OF THE STACCATO.



It will not be sufficient to explain these signs to the pupil. They must be learned by practice.

## LESSON FOR THE STUDY OF DOTTED QUAVERS.

Separate the semiquavers clearly but delicately.





Let the triple time be here studied before the lesson is sun; and the three beats be well marked.



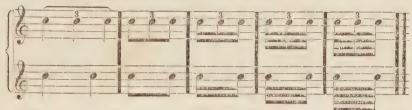
Execute for the pupil some major and minor melodies, and let him understand the difference of their intervals. This should be acquired by the ear independently of theory.

Make this effort after the major and minor chords on pages 59 and 62 are appreciated.

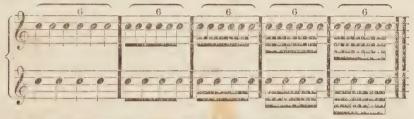
I regard the comprehension of these differences as incontestable evidence of the pupil's progress.

### OF THE TRIPLET.

The triplet is a group of three notes which must be executed in the time of two. It is usually indicated by placing a figure 3 over the three notes.



Sometimes a kind of double triplets is employed. The figure 6 is then used.



It should be observed that the sixes must be divided into two and two, and not into three and three. Many musicians violate this rule. I would cite particularly the beautiful quartet in Moïse, in la flat, the accompaniment of which begins thus,



These groups should be divided as if they were in  $\frac{9}{8}$  time, the accent falling on the rest, the mi and the la, and not on the do above, since with the latter accent the groups become simply double triplets.



## LESSON FOR THE STUDY OF THE TRIPLET.



It sometimes happens that the figure 3 is not put with the triplet. The reader's knowledge must supply the omission.

To commence properly an incomplete bar, we count the beats which are wanting, and mark with greater emphasis the one corresponding with the last beat of the bar. Thus in the following example, we say or beat 1, 2, 3, 4, and then sing the quaver la. The same method applies to all pieces beginning with incomplete bars.



The silent beats in the beginning need not be counted. The professor should practise the pupil in both methods.

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## VARIED GAMUT.



### SAME LESSON.

DESCENDING GAMUT.



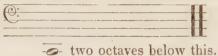
Take breath at the signs of the apostrophe.

OF SOUNDS, AND THE LINES ADDED TO THE STAVE.

Musical sound is simply the result of the vibrations or oscillations of elastic and sonorous bodies, when these vibrations occur with sufficient rapidity to be appreciated by the ear.

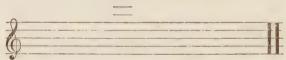
The air, which is itself the most elastic of substances, receives the vibrations of sonorous bodies and conveys them to the ear. It is this regular motion of the air which determines what is properly called musical sound. The pitch of a sound is always in the inverse ratio of the vibrations. Thus, the fewer the vibrations of a sonorous body in a given time, the graver or lower is the sound; and the greater the number of vibrations, the sharper or higher is the sound.

The lowest sound which the ear can distinguish makes about thirty two vibrations in a second. It is thus exhibited:



The highest note appreciable by the ear makes sixteen thousand three hundred and eighty-four vibrations in a second. It is thus exhibited:

— two octaves above this.



All sounds or notes are divided into nine octaves, of which the lowest and the two highest are not in ordinary use. Those which occur in practice are found between these two extremes.



In order to note these sounds, five additional lines above, and five below the stave, are used. These lines are called ledger lines above and ledger lines below.

It has been remarked, that in the stave there is an interval of a third from line to line, or from space to space. The same rule exists in the ledger lines.



In the first example above the line, from fa to la is a third; and from la to do is a third. In the second example below the line, from mi to do and from do to la are thirds.

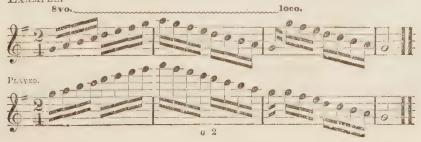




In instrumental music, when a series of many high notes occurs, they are written an octave below, thus:



After using the sign of the octave (8vo), when it is necessary to return to the actual pitch, the word "loco" is used, signifying place;—that is, the true position of the notes Example.



OF THE PAUSE (POINT D'ORGUE) AND OF BARS' REST.

Bars are filled with notes or rests; but if there is silence continued through two or more bars, it is expressed either by signs or by figures as shown below.



The bar is sometimes extended or prolonged by placing over a note a sign, usually called a "pause" in English, but which has with musicians a more definite name in the French term "Point d'orgue." This prolongation is arbitrary.



When the *point d'orgue* is placed over a rest, it signifies that the length of the rest is also indefinite, or at the option of the performer.

The term *point d'orgue* is also applied to certain embellishments or ornaments introduced by the player or singer where the sign occurs, or may be supposed to occur. Such embellishments, which must be short and in keeping with the composition, are usually slow at the end, in order to introduce with proper effect the return to the regular movement. This, when following the *point d'orgue*, is indicated by the words "a tempo," meaning in time.

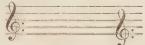
The taste and ability of an artist are particularly shown in the character and execution of these extempore ornaments. They should be introduced with caution. When judiciously employed they are a great merit, but a great defect composed or delivered in bad style. They should in fact, if used at all, be in all respects perfect. Simplicity should be studied in them, and they are in best taste when they do not task the full powers of an instrument or the voice.

## OF THE CLEFS.

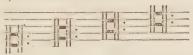
There are three kinds of clefs. The clef of sol, the clef of DO, and the clef of FA.



The clef of sor has two positions; namely, the clef of sol second line and the clef of sol first line.



The clefs of Do are four; namely, the first line, the second line, the third line, and the fourth line.



The clefs of FA are two; namely, the third line and the fourth line.

In this work I design to teach only the two principal clefs, namely, that of sol second line, and that of fa fourth line. Knowing these, the pupil is prepared for the study of piano music.



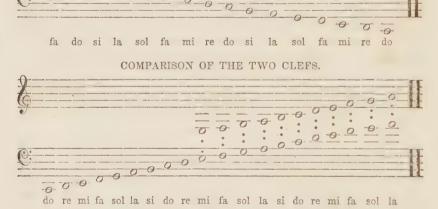
In actual pitch these two gamuts are an octave apart. But as the same voice could not execute them, they are sung in unison. The gamut on the fa clef is an octave below the other. That on the sol clef is within the true compass of a child's voice.

#### OF THE FA CLEF.

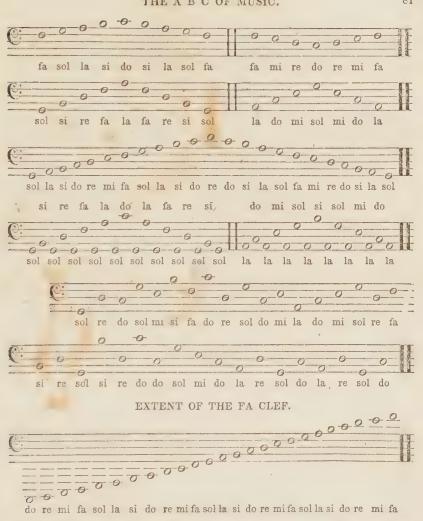
We have seen that the method of uniting notes which are higher or lower than those within the stave, is by additional lines above and below it. Thus, suppose we wish to write the gamut of do, descending from the lowest do in the clef of sol, as we have seen it:—



The reading of these notes becomes impracticable; but the obstacle is overcome by placing the notes in a different position on the stave, and by substituting for the clef of sol, another clef,—that of fa,  $\stackrel{\frown}{=}$ : which has the low fa of the sol clef on the fourth line of the stave. By this means the preceding notes become easily readable, being within the limits of the stave, which itself remains unchanged.



Before allowing the pupil to sing in the fa clef, let him study and write the notes in it, placing the names under them. Let him also make the gamuts of do, sol, re, fa, and si b, with their relatives, putting down the accidents as in the clef of sol. The notes in the following exercise in the clef of fa should also be named.



This is the compass of pianos of six and a half octaves, but pianos of six octaves descend only to the first fa.

LESSON FOR THE STUDY OF THE FA CLEF. No 56 p do re mi fa sol la si do do si la sol fa mi re do

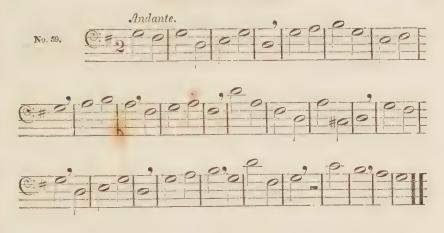


### GAMUT IN SOL MAJOR.

It should be noted that this solfegge is composed especially for children's voices, and I was obliged to limit it to their natural compass.



<sup>\*</sup> This slur shows that the note must be centinued without repeating it through two bars.



## GAMUT IN SOL MAJOR.



This gamut is too high to be sung.





Sing this lesson twice, the second time with two beats.

When the pupil is somewhat familiar with the notes of the fa clef, let him study them alone, as suggested on page 40.



This lesson is an example of triple time, which should be well studied. See the observations on times, on page 29.



#### VARIATIONS.



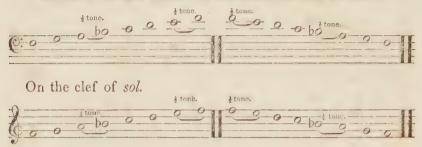


As in the gamut of *sol*, this is not complete, in order that it may be within the range of juvenile voices.

Let it be observed that the si must be flat in order to have a semitone between the mediant and the sub-dominant, that is, from la to si b.

Let the pupil write gamuts in this key, that he may perfectly understand it. The exercises should be exemplified on the piano.

EXAMPLE OF THE GAMUT OF FA MAJOR IN THE FA CLEF.



I cannot too strongly urge upon professors to have these gamut written in all the keys, particularly in the three first major keys, do, sol, and fa.

After these let the gamuts of the relative minors be written, *la* minor, *mi* minor, and *re* minor; with the minor and major sixths ascending.



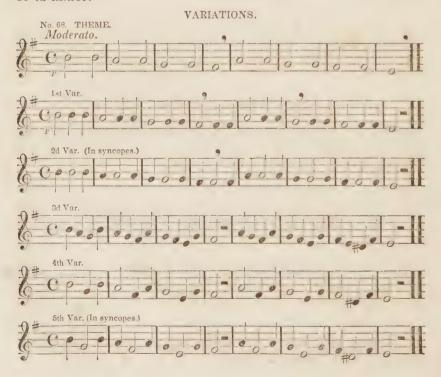


Remark to the pupil that from mi to scl is a minor third, being composed of a tone and a half-tone

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The observations on the gamut of mi minor apply also to this of la minor.









The same remarks apply to this as to the gamuts of la and mi minor.

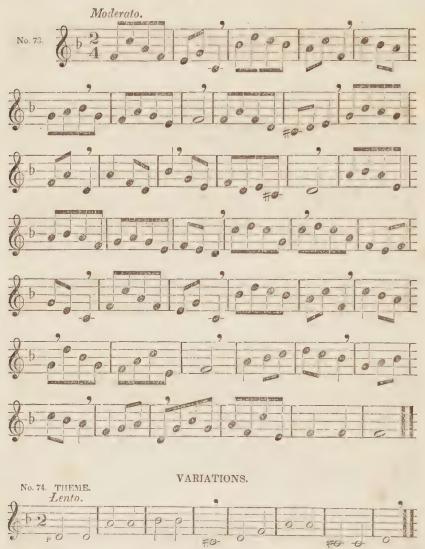


<sup>•</sup> This gamut in re minor may all be sung, as it does not exceed the compass of a child's voice.

















## OF THE DOUBLE BAR AND REPEATS.

The conclusion of a piece of music, or of a principal part, is indicated by two thick lines or bars across the stave. When these bars have two points on the left, the part of the piece which precedes them must be repeated. When the points are on both the right and left of the bars, that which precedes and which follows must be repeated. In the first instance the Repeat is single: in the second, it is double.



Repeats are generally used in airs with variations; but they are also found in every sort of composition.

Repeats are often "a first time" and "a second time," as in this example.

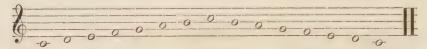


In this example the bar marked "1st time" must be played. After the preceding bars have been repeated, this bar is passed over and the bar marked "2d time" is played in its stead.

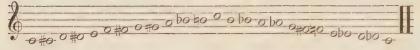


### OF THE SCALES.

There are three scales: the diatonic, the chromatic, and the enharmonic. The diatonic is most used.

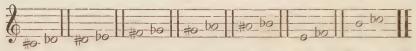






#### ENHARMONIC SCALE.

The enharmonic notes may be considered synonymous.

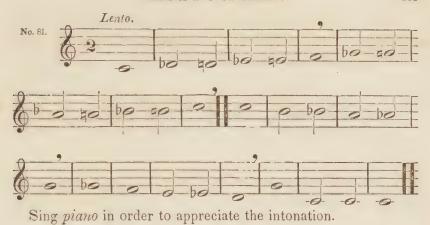


Show the pupil on the piano that the notes in each of these bars are the same, but they change according to their relation to other notes.

# LESSON FOR THE STUDY OF THE CHROMATIC SCALE.

See the article on chromatics, and remember the difference in the two species of semitones.







In order to prove mathematically the difference between re flat and do sharp, represented by the same key, it is necessary to introduce acoustics. This however belongs to the higher study of harmony.

Lesson showing the use of the Rests in common time. The semibreve rest equals the time of the whole bar; the minim rest of half the bar or two beats; and crotchet rest of one beat.



The same lesson as the preceding, with the value of the *rests* diminished one half. In  $\frac{2}{4}$  time the semibreve rest equals the whole bar; the crotchet rest equals half the bar, and the quaver rest one fourth the bar.

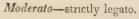


Whatever be the time, whether 2, 3, or 4 beats in the bar, the semibreve *rest* equals the length of the bar.





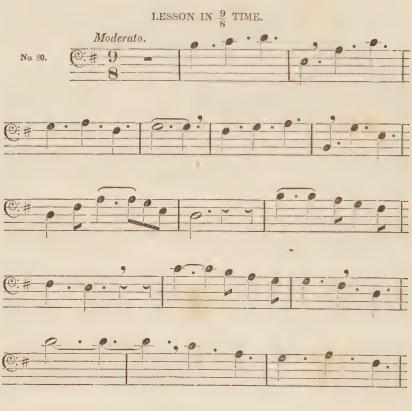






Habituate the ear of the pupil to the pitch of the notes on the piano. Begin by impressing upon it the note do; then do, re; then do, re, mi;—do, re, mi, fa; and so through the diatonic gamut. Start always from do, and afterwards practise descending from it. The chromatics must follow. I consider this exercise of great importance. Patience and perseverance are requisite to accomplish its object.

When the ear is familiar with the notes on the piano, the same course may be pursued with the notes of the voice.







LESSON IN  $\frac{12}{8}$  TIME.









## CLASSIFICATION OF VOICES AND THEIR COMPASS.

THERE are two kinds or natures of voices,—the male and the iemale.

The male voice is divided into three species;—the Bass, the Baritone, and the Tenor. There is also a male Alto voice, which is only a high Tenor, and corresponds with the Contralto or low female voice.

The female voice is divided also into three species;—the Contralto, the Mezzo So prano, and the Soprano.



The Tenor is here written an octave above its comparative pitch.

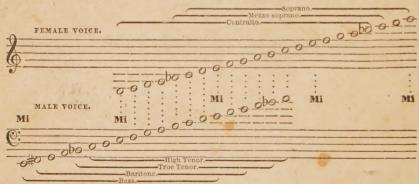
As appears by the foregoing tables, the Bass is the lowest and the Soprano the highest voice; and the others are intermediate.

No two voices are precisely alike. As the leaves of trees or the features of men,

they all differ in some respect, in compass, rower, etc.

Every voice should have a distinct character, by which it may be classified or named. Thus the Bass voice has more body and weight than the Baritone. And the Tenor is lighter or finer than the Baritone—and so on.

## DIAGRAM OF THE COMPASS OF THE HUMAN VOICE.



The above diagram shows the compass that can be attained by the human voice when cultivated.

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